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1. I, Professor Beverly L. Davidson, am one of the co-inventors of the above-identified patent application and currently hold the Roy J. Carver Biomedical Research Chair in Internal Medicine at The University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. I have been a faculty member of the University of Michigan (1990 - 1994) and of the University of Iowa (1994 - present). My research focuses on a group of inherited metabolic disorders that affect the central nervous system (one of which is Batten disease). An additional focus of my research is the development of viral and non-viral vectors for gene transfer to the central nervous system. I have published numerous articles in peer reviewed scientific journals in these areas.
2. We have performed experiments testing the soluble lysosomal protein TPP-I, to determine if TPP-I remains enzymatically active when modified to contain a PTD motif. We found that TPP-I linked to PTD was indeed enzymatically active.
3. Briefly, cells were infected with recombinant viral vectors expressing human TPP-I to which a PTD had been engineered in-frame at the carboxyl terminal region of the protein. Control cells were exposed to virus dilution buffer only. After 4 hours, the cells were washed and incubated an additional 2 days in cell culture media at 37°C in a tissue culture incubator. After 2 days, the supernatant containing the secreted, soluble lysosomal protein TPP-I, and the media from mock infected cells, was assayed for TPP-I enzyme activity using a sensitive fluorescent assay. The results are shown in Appendix A. "Mock" is the control, and "CLN2-Tat" is TPP-I

linked to-Tat PTD.

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